



Opening Doors Together: Strategies for Integrating Education and Housing Services

June 6, 2013
2:00pm Eastern



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Overview

- *Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*
- Why collaboration between ED, HUD, and other homelessness/housing programs is important
- Strategies for building relationships between homeless educators and housing providers
- Recommend important activities that invite immediate collaboration



Panelists

- Matthew Aronson, HUD, Special Needs and Assistance Programs Office
- John McLaughlin, ED, Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program
- Jeanne Stamp, Texas Homeless Education Office
- Rebecca Landes, Northwest Assistance Ministries



Opening Doors

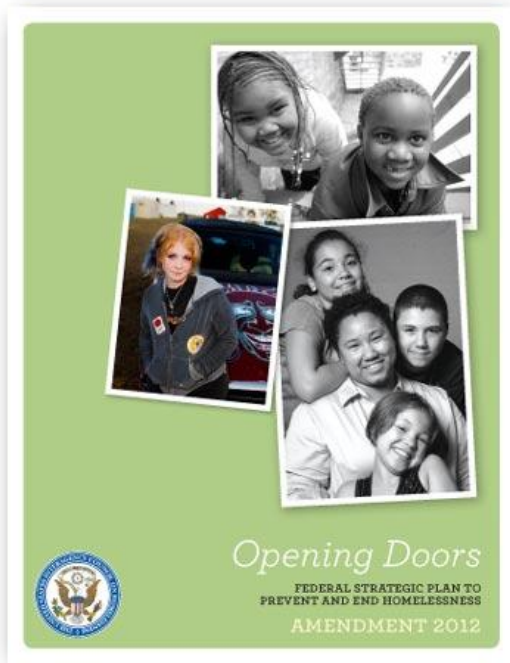
No one should experience homelessness and no one should be without a safe, stable place to call home.

Goals

1. Finish the job of ending chronic homelessness by 2015
2. Prevent and end homelessness among Veterans by 2015
3. **Prevent and end homelessness for families, youth, and children by 2020**
4. Set a path to ending all types of homelessness



Opening Doors Amendment 2012



Access the full Amendment on the USICH Website:

http://www.usich.gov/opening_doors/amendment_2012/

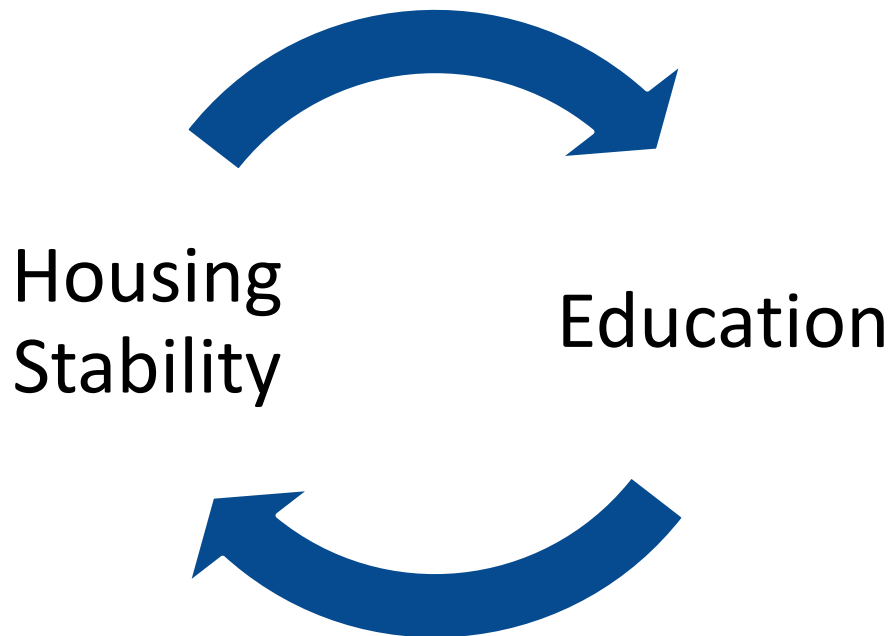


Why Collaborate?

- Government Priority
 - *Opening Doors*: USICH's Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness
- Statutory Requirement
 - ***EHCY requires*** SEA and LEA collaboration with Federal housing programs
 - ***HUD requires*** educational assurances of CoC program grantees
- Reduce costs
 - Locate housing closer to students' schools to reduce cost of transportation



The Connection: Housing and Education



Positive outcomes
require that we are
all partners in child
and youth services



Finding Common Ground

- Definitions of homelessness
 - **Understanding the differences will help practitioners assist families and youth access appropriate services**
- Communication between organizations
 - **Understanding how to communicate with one another will go a long way to building lasting collaborations**



Definitions of Homeless: Similarities and Differences

Similarities

- People who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence

ED

- Sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason
- Staying in hotels, motels, or campgrounds due to the lack of adequate alternative accommodations

HUD

- Category 1: Literal homelessness
- Category 2: Individuals and families who will lose their primary nighttime residence within 14 days
- Category 3: Unaccompanied youth or families with children or youth who meet the homeless definition under another federal statute and 3 additional criteria
- Category 4: Individuals and families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence with no subsequent residence, resources, or support networks



Strategies for Building Relationships

- All providers can:
 - Learn each other's definition of homelessness
 - Create a space for open discussion about shared values and gaps in service
 - Identify community stakeholders to partner with on activities that advance common values and goals
 - Attend each others' meetings
 - Develop MOUs for cooperation and information sharing



Strategies for Building Relationships

- HUD grantees can:
 - Connect with state coordinator and education liaisons
 - Learn local and state education laws and services including Title I, special education and early childhood education in their LEAs
- ED grantees can:
 - Connect with CoC lead agency and providers
 - Learn about the various housing resources offered in your community (e.g. CoC, ESG, SC2, HOME, FUP, PHAs)
 - Engage with HUD to assist with your plan to collaborate with federal housing programs



How to Bridge the Divide

- Texas Homeless Network (THN) and the Texas Homeless Education Office (THEO) encourage collaboration through:
 - Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless
 - Newsletter
 - Annual Conference on Ending Homelessness
 - Cross-Training



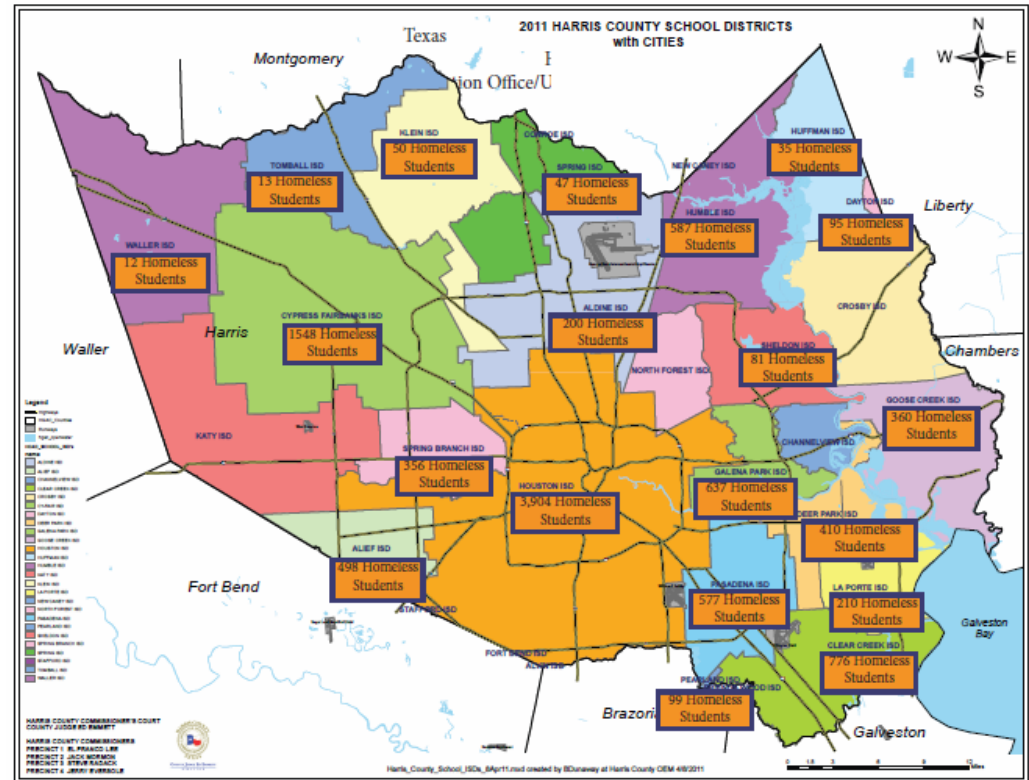
Homeless Education Summit

- Collaboration between THN, THEO, Texas Workforce Commission, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Texas Health and Human Services Commission
- Discuss and share information
- Identify gaps in services



Spotlight: Houston, TX

Through collaboration with THEO and local school districts, and *data sharing*, the Houston CoC identified the need for permanent housing for homeless households with children





Homeless Response System

- Harris County Housing Authority
 - 100 Housing Choice Vouchers for homeless households with school age children
- Northwest Assistance Ministries
 - Rapid re-housing type services to assist with leasing and housing stability case management
- School District Staff
 - Assist in assessing and triaging families who fit with the housing model



Tips for Successful Collaboration

- Find your local CoC contact:

- <http://www.hudhre.info/index.cfm?do=viewCocContacts>

- ✓ Select state
- ✓ Select CoC
- ✓ Click search

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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Resource Search

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HUD awards homeless assistance grants to organizations across the country to ameliorate homelessness and its effect on people's lives. View [Facts Sheets](#) that describe specific programs funded by HUD to provide assistance for addressing issues of homelessness.

Within this section, you can locate CoCs around the country, find CoC contact information, find report data, and view CoC awardees since 2005. You can view Emergency Shelter Grants awardees from 2006 to 2010 and Emergency Solutions Grants awardees starting in 2011.

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Continuum of Care Contacts

Grantees and persons who need shelter can use this locator to find contact information for a CoC lead agency and for the HUD Field Office serving the CoC's geographic area. The CoC lead agency should be able to direct you for assistance to specific homeless assistance programs serving the CoC area.

State:

Continuum of Care (Optional. Sort by: [CoC Number/CoC Name](#)):

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Search Results: Continuum of Care Contacts

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Search Results for:

- State: Texas
- Continuum of Care: TX-700 – Houston/Harris County CoC

HUD Field Contact of Texas

Houston Field Office
1301 Fannin Street, Suite 2200
Houston, TX 77002
Phone: 713-718-3115
Fax: 713-718-3251

Your search returned 1 Lead Contact and 1 Points of Contact for homeless persons.

TX-700 – Houston/Harris County CoC

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Fax: 713-739-8038
E-mail: smore@homelesshouston.org
Web Site: <http://www.homelesshouston.org>



Tips for Successful Collaboration

- Find your EHCY State Coordinator:
 - http://center.serve.org/nche/states/state_resources.php
 - ✓ Click state on the map
- The State Coordinator can provide contact information for local liaisons in LEAs covered by certain CoCs

State Resources

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For help finding housing or other support services in your area, please contact your [local United Way](#) or [local Salvation Army](#).



National Homeless Education Data


[View national homeless education data](#) (Consolidated State Performance Report)
State homeless education data can be found by clicking on the state name below.

Resources by State

Use the [map](#) or [text links](#) below to access resources by state. Resources include the contact information for the State Coordinator of Homeless Education, the state's Education of Homeless Children and Youth program webpage (where available), and other statewide resources dealing with homelessness and homeless education. Check back regularly for page updates.

State Coordinators for Homeless Education

Every state is required by federal law to have a State Coordinator for Homeless Education. This person is responsible for ensuring the understanding of and compliance with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act in public schools throughout the state.

 Download a [contact list](#) of State Coordinators for Homeless Education or select the state [below](#) to view the State Coordinator contact information for that state.

National Organizations

[Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness](#)

[National Alliance to End Homelessness](#)

[National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth](#)

[National Coalition for the Homeless](#)

[National Center on Family Homelessness](#)

[National Clearinghouse on Families and Youth](#)

[National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty](#)

[National Network for Youth](#)



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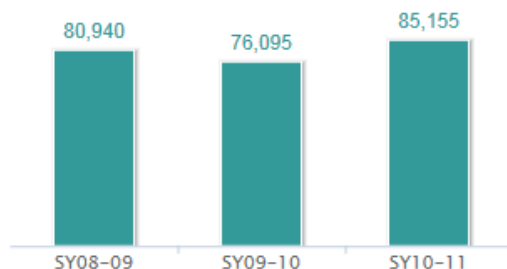
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Texas: Consolidated State Performance Report

Part 1, Section 1.9: Education of Homeless Children and Youth

Homeless Children and Youth Enrolled

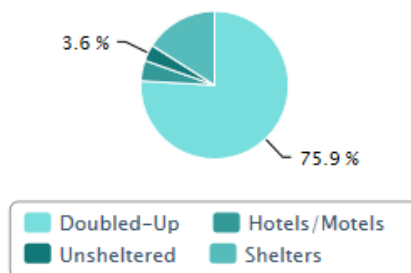


of students enrolled

Total homeless children and youth enrolled in
LEAs with and without McKinney-Vento
subgrants

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Primary Nighttime Residence

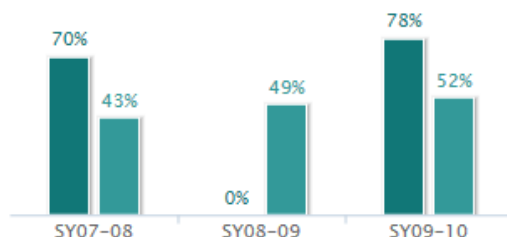


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Primary nighttime residence when student was
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Reading Assessment

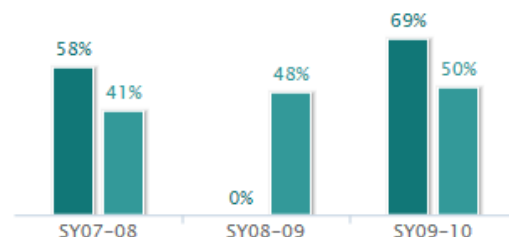


% of students proficient or above in TX
% of students proficient or above nationally

Homeless students served by McKinney-Vento
subgrants in grades 3-8 scoring proficient or
above on state reading assessment.

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Math Assessment



% of students proficient or above in TX
% of students proficient or above nationally

Homeless students served by McKinney-Vento
subgrants in grades 3-8 scoring proficient or
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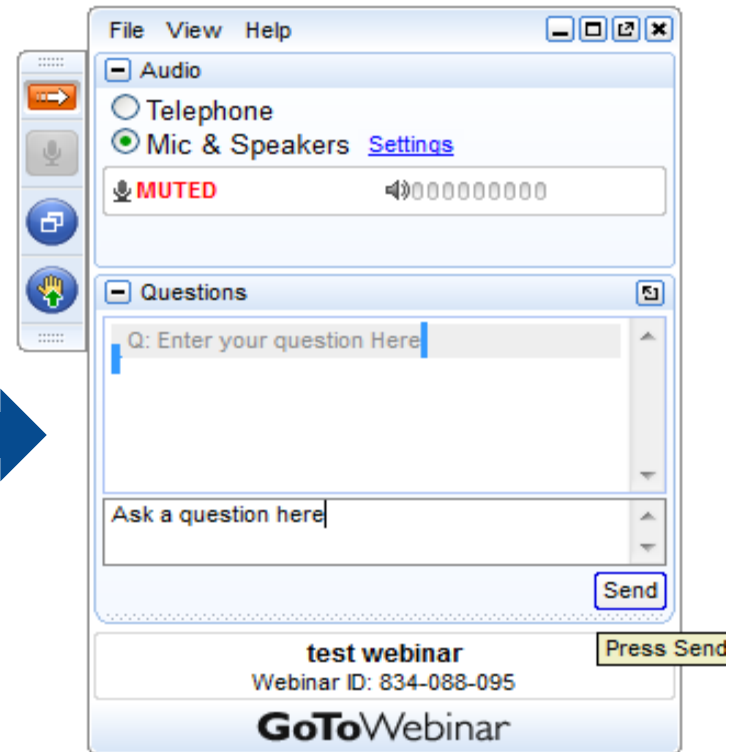
Important Activities for Collaboration

- Coordinated Assessment
 - New CoC requirement
- Point in Time (PIT) count and cumulative annual counts
- Data sharing/disclosure initiatives
- Developing education assurances policy and procedures



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Tools and Resources: ED

- NCHE's "Best Practices in Interagency Collaboration" brief
<http://center.serve.org/nche/downloads/briefs/hud.pdf>
- EHCY statute and ED Non-regulatory Guidance for EHCY
<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/homeless/legislation.html>
- NCHE's "Determining Eligibility" brief
http://center.serve.org/nche/ibt/sc_eligibility.php



Tools and Resources: HUD

- HUD technical assistance
<https://www.onecpd.info/technical-assistance/>
- Homelessness Resource Exchange
<http://www.hudhre.info/>
- HUD definitions
<http://www.hudhre.info/esg/index.cfm>



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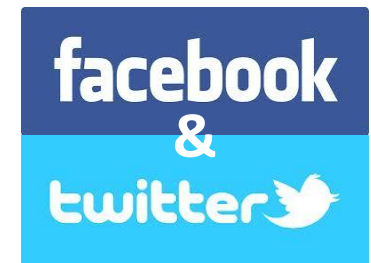
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